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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Docket No. DKT 99083

In the Application of:

John A. Hummel et al.

U.S. Serial No.: 09/840,434

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: BACK DRIVE SILENT CHAIN
SYSTEM WITH LOW PROFILE
SPROCKET

Examiner: Vicky A. Johnson

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

An action making a final rejection of this application was mailed on January 13, 2004. March 13, 2004, two months after mailing of that final rejection fell on a Saturday. A first response to that final rejection was mailed on the following Monday, March 15, 2004. As provided by MPEP § 706.07(f)(A) that response was timely filed within two months after the final rejection. An advisory action was mailed on April 21, 2004. The period for response to the final rejection should have been reset to the mailing date of that advisory action April 21, 2004. MPEP § 706.07(f)(F). Therefore, applicants submit that a one month extension of time is required for the response being filed on May 21, 2004.

Applicants request a ONE-month extension of time for reply to the Action dated January 13, 2004.

In view of the advisory action dated April 21, 2004 a response will, therefore, be due on or before May 21, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

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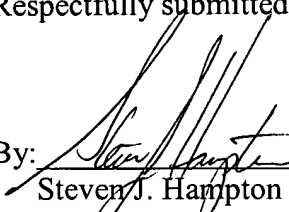
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess portion of this fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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